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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 11, 21, 30, 33 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Moreover, please amend claims 2-9, 12-19, 22-29 and 31-32 as follows:

1. (*cancelled*) A bearing article comprising:
 - a porous monolithic PTFE material, and
 - at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material.
2. (*currently amended*) The bearing article of claim [1] 4, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises epoxy.
3. (*currently amended*) The bearing article of claim [1] 4, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises polyimide.
4. (*currently amended*) [The] Δ bearing article [of claim 1] comprising:
 - a porous monolithic PTFE material, wherein said PTFE comprises two or more layers, and
 - at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material.
5. (*currently amended*) [The] Δ bearing article [of claim 1] comprising:
 - a porous monolithic PTFE material, wherein said PTFE further includes at least one filler, and
 - at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material.
6. (*currently amended*) The bearing article of claim [1] 4, in the form of a sheet.
7. (*currently amended*) The bearing article of claim [1] 4, in the form of a tube.
8. (*currently amended*) [The] Δ bearing article [of claim 1] comprising:
 - a porous monolithic PTFE material, and
 - at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material, wherein said article further comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive bonded to said article.
9. (*currently amended*) [The] Δ bearing article [of claim 1] comprising:
 - a porous monolithic PTFE material, and

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at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermosetting resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material, said article further comprising at least one substrate bonded to said article.

10. *(original)* The bearing article of claim 9, wherein said at least one substrate comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of metal and epoxy.

11. *(cancelled)*.

12. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [11] 14, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises epoxy.

13. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [11] 14, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises polyimide.

14. *(currently amended)* [The] A bearing article [of claim 11] comprising:
a porous monolithic PTFE material, wherein said PTFE material comprises two or more layers of PTFE, and
at least one wear resistant polymer resin distributed within the pores of the PTFE material.

15. *(currently amended)* [The] A bearing article [of claim 11] comprising:
a porous monolithic PTFE material, wherein said PTFE further includes at least one filler, and
at least one wear resistant polymer resin distributed within the pores of the PTFE material.

16. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [11] 14, in the form of a sheet.

17. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [11] 14, in the form of a tube.

18. *(currently amended)* [The] A bearing article [of claim 11] comprising:
a porous monolithic PTFE material, and
at least one wear resistant polymer resin distributed within the pores of the PTFE material, wherein said article further comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive bonded to said article.

19. *(currently amended)* [The] A bearing article [of claim 11] comprising:
a porous monolithic PTFE material, and
at least one wear resistant polymer resin distributed within the pores of the PTFE material, said article further comprising at least one substrate bonded to said article.

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20. *(original)* The bearing article of claim 19, wherein said at least one substrate comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of metal and epoxy.

21. *(cancelled)*.

22. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29 in the form of a wear-resistant surface.

23. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a bearing.

24. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a washer.

25. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a clutch.

26. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a tensioning device.

27. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises an epoxy.

28. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, wherein said at least one polymer resin comprises a polyimide.

29. *(currently amended)* [The] A bearing article [of claim 21] comprising:
a composite comprising porous monolithic PTFE material, and at least one polymer resin selected from the group consisting of thermoset resins and thermoplastic resins distributed within the pores of the PTFE material, wherein said PTFE comprises two or more layers of PTFE; and
a substrate bonded to said composite.

30. *(cancelled)*.

31. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a sheet.

32. *(currently amended)* The bearing article of claim [21] 29, in the form of a tube.

33. *(cancelled)*.

34. *(cancelled)*.